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Celebrating all the great women who has made its impact on the world.

by Caleb Washington

As many of you know, March is Women's History Month, where we celebrate the women who has made its impact on the world like Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Michelle Obama and Kamala Harris. Well, we at Caleb Washington Productions celebrate the women who have made its impact in the world of film, music and television. I, love all my friends, but I'm just going to keep it simple and show you who's definitely top tier.

MELISSA CHERIE

I wouldn't be able to forgive myself if I didn't include Melissa Cherie. She is a jack-of-all-trades. She writes her own music, she can act, and she has been a contributor to all of our projects here at Caleb Washington Productions. She is truly a wondeful talent and a great business partner.

DIVINITY MONTIJO

From her work as a coach on NBC's Pop Rock, to Born2Blend, she is an awesome singer. I just enjoy her music so much.

KARA SILVESTRI

Like Melissa Cherie, she's also a jack-of-all-trades, she's great at acting, singing, songwriting and playing music. Her performance in "Cassie and the Wildcats" is a perfect example.

SARAH HESTER ROSS

A very funny lady and a talented musician, from her work on Instagram on TikTok. She is really, really good. I saw her perform a couple of years ago and it was just real fun to watch.

KAYMARS

You know the Million Dollar Quartet? Well there's a Big & Tall trio. Kaymars definitely belongs in this trio, right up there with Kailie Simpson and Louka. She is a real rockstar, whether its acoustic or electric, she reallys knocks it out of the park.

CRYSTAL ROSAS

I'm just going to keep this brief, because she's so good. I love her energy and I love listening to her on the radio.

NATALIE JANE

A true social media sensation. She made a name for herself in the TikTok world with her powerful voice. I'm still wondering how she can sing like that without straining, she's AMAZING!

HANNAH LIVES!

Miley Cyrus dons the famous blonde wig once again to celebrate 20 years of the show that made her a household name.

by Caleb Washington

Fifteen years after Miley said goodbye to Hannah Montana, Hannah Montana has returned for a 20th anniversary special. I have to say the buzz was certainly real. Social media was blowing up, everybody was excited, even everybody got in on the craze. Now, I was unable to attend the red carpet premiere, because I wasn't invited, I was on the east coast and the premiere was on the west coast, but mainly I was working on my own projects. I don't have Disney+ either, but I did catch some snipets of it and I will give you my personal take of it.

I just wished I hosted my own watch party or salute to Hannah Montana, but oh well. Anyway, let's dissect this special, shall we?

PURPLE (RED) CARPET

The red carpet was filled to brim with stars even with some reunions with fellow castmates including Jason Earles, Moises Arias, Anna Maria Perez de Tagle, Shanica Knowles, and Cody Linley.

There were other stars there too to celebrate and they all said in interviews that they grew up watching Hannah Montana and that is great to here.

I have to say the cast looks great, they haven't aged a day. I just want a full Hannah Montana reboot, no spinoffs, no actors or actresses I have never heard of it.

Now, I know a lot of you were expecting some more cast reunions on the red carpet or in the special itself. Well, I hate to disappoint everyone, but they did not show up to the premiere, but I will talk about that more in a bit.

Now, the red carpet is out of the way, let's go inside and see the premiere.

THE SHOW ITSELF

This special was hosted by "popular" podcaster Alex Cooper. I phrase it that way, because I don't know how she got popular, but then again I'm not a podcast guy. As far as her hosting goes, SHE WAS NOT NEEDED WHATSOEVER! I think if it was just Miley hosting herself, it would've been better. Plus, I read that her and Miley had some backstage drama which I will not get into.

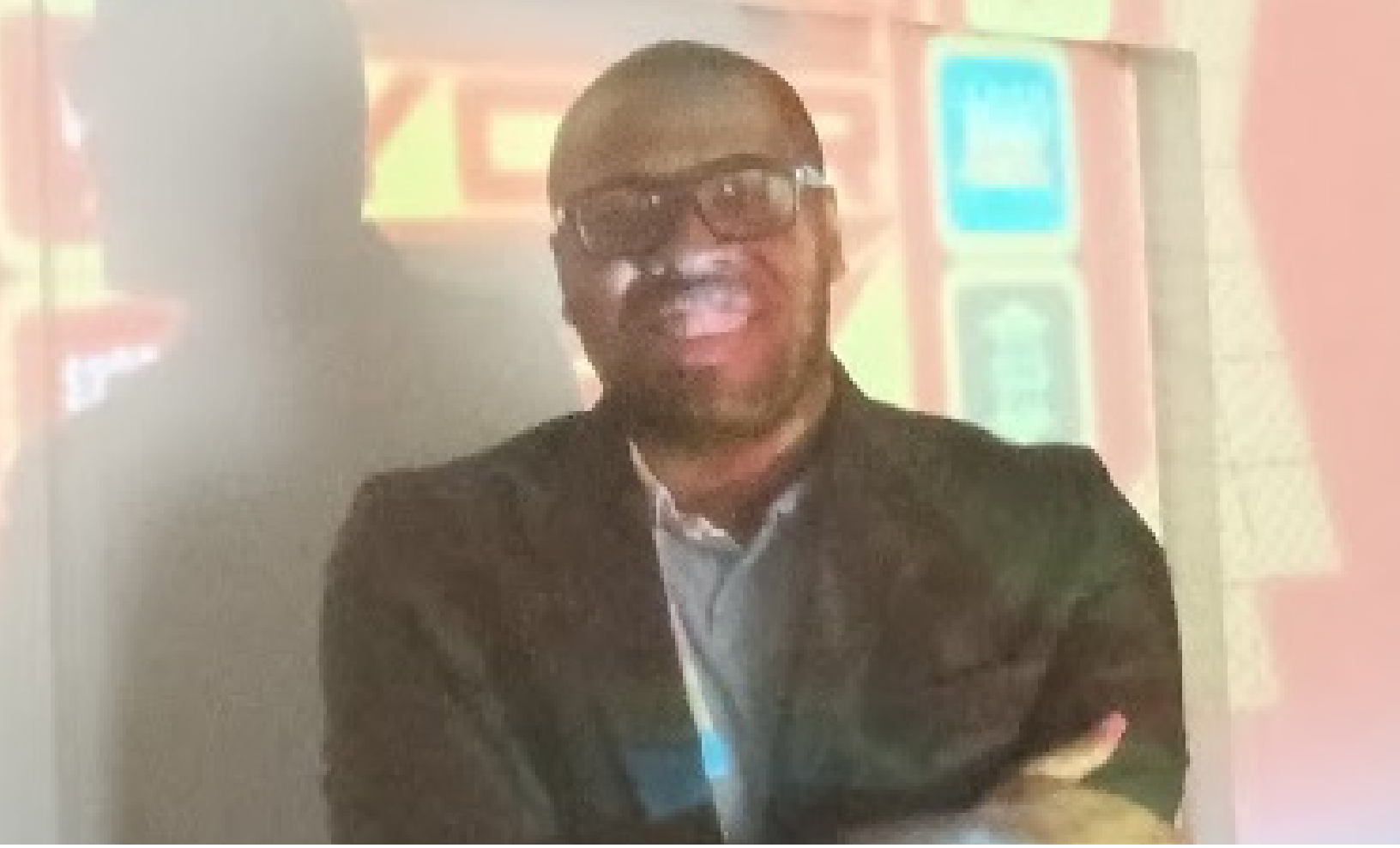
But, the bright spots were we got a replica of the iconic living room set as well as Hannah's closet, which is nice too. It's BEAUTIFUL!

There were also cameos by Selena Gomez and Chappell Roan. I think those cameos were TOTALLY UNNECESSARY. Selena Gomez gaves us one of the best lines, "You created culture, babe." And she's right. Chappell Roan, um, are you sure you want to watch her, especially since she's in hot water as I am writing this.

She sang the classic songs in front of an audience and performed a new song which is coming out soon. And she recreated the last scene in Season 3 where she stared at the house. AWESOME!

I wanted to see this on Disney Channel, but now I'm actually glad it didn't given some of the baggage.

The special did really, really well with 6 million views. Very well done and well deserved. Now this special wasn't bad at all, in fact, it was great. But with some of the baggage I can't give a perfect score. So, I'll give it an 9/10, because at least the special gave us nostaglic vibes.



WASHINGTON PRESSES HIS LUCK

Caleb Washington gives his take on an 80s game show classic.

by Caleb Washington

Get ready to play what could be the most exciting game of your life! That's right, "Press Your Luck" is finally here on Game Show Playhouse!

I have been teasing this for months and months and now its finally here! Before Elizabeth Banks moves to Georgia for a brand new season of shows. Yes, you heard right, Elizabeth and the whammy are moving to Georgia. For what reason, I don't know. But, before we get to that, it's time for me to shine a spotlight on this great game show. And, yes, if I ever get to do it live, I'm hosting.

WHAT IS PRESS YOUR LUCK?

Press Your Luck originally aired on CBS from 1983 to 1986, where is was hosted by Peter Tomarken. The show evolved from a 70s game show called "Second Chance" where it ran from four months in 1977.

Players answered questions to earn spins on the "Big Board" where they could win big bucks and prizes. But, there are also whammies up there that could take all their money.

The show was a big hit with audiences even after its cancellation. It saw two revivals in the 21st century. First on GSN from 2002-03 as "Whammy! The All-New Press Your Luck" (which I will cover soon) with Todd Newton, and currently in 2019 on ABC with Elizabeth Banks.

WHAT MY VISION FOR A GSP VERSION OF PRESS YOUR LUCK?

Of course we're playing for points on my version of Press Your Luck, and prizes will be like regular "door" prizes, and, yes, the Whammies will still be there. You know how the game is played, it's the classic game. No bonus game, sorry. I lenjoy the bonus round, but I don't think I can pull it off unless I'm playing it on like Discord or something.

I will also be using real buzzers, mainly the same buzzers from the popular PS2 video game, "Buzz!". Also, these are the same buzzers I used for the "Family Feud". It worked for Greggo when he does his anime-themed games. Plus, it creates a more authentic game show feel and I like it.

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Besides my own produced TV shows and movies, here's some of the shows I have been watching and enjoying...

WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?

I just can't stop laughing and watching this show. I just really enjoy it. The panelists who show up, the games, I love it. Some of my favorite games are Scenes from a Hat, Sound Effects, Weird Newscasters and Greatest Hits. Whether its Drew Carey or Aisha Tyler hosting, it's just a fun time.

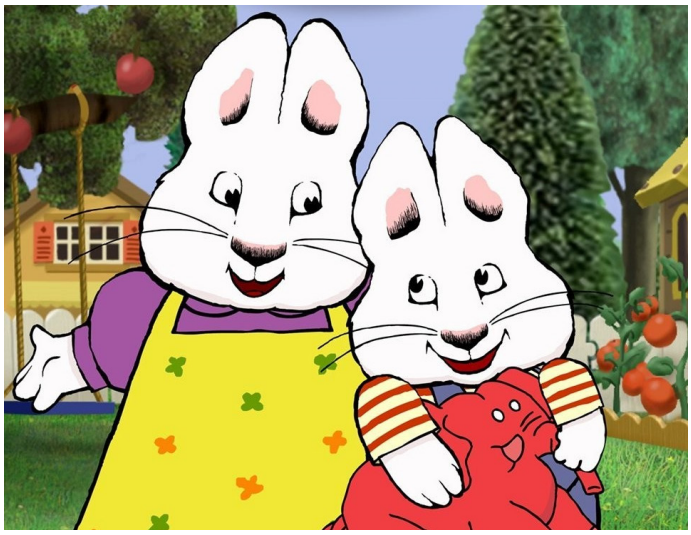
UGLY BETTY

Hard to believe but its been 20 years since this show premiered on ABC. I loved this show watching with my mom as a kid, it was a good show. Plus, who knew that the main character could really make a fashion statement.

ATCHLIST

WIN BEN STEIN'S MONEY

Before Jimmy Kimmel was a talk show host, he played second banana to Ben Stein on this great game show from Comedy Central, during its golden years. I watched some episodes on YouTube and its really funny to watch. Format was simple, but the show shines in its humor, Ben and Jimmy's chemistry was fun to watch.



MAX & RUBY

Always loved this show, it was even popular with audiences in the late 2010s and my college years. There was also a brief revival which was fine, but I preferred the old episodes better.

COVER STORY

SMALL GIRLS SING SAD (AND HAPPY) SONGS

A tongue twister, but Gina Royale returns with brand new music with the help of some famous friends. Caleb Washington has the latest.

by Caleb Washington

For our last story for this month's issue, we head back to Woodridge for some more fun.

It is officially the fourth year, that Big & Tall and I have collaborated on projects together and this month, we celebrate with the second show of the year, starring Gina Royale, Melissa Cherie and Sydney Leigh, where they sang classics along with new unreleased songs. It was a great time seeing all my friends showcase their talents.

INTRODUCING...SYDNEY LEIGH!

One of the big highlights from this month's extravaganza was the melodic tones of another new face this year and her name is Sydney Leigh. Just seeing her and meeting her for the first time. She was really good. My, oh my, what a voice she has. She really dazzled the audience.

This is my first time seeing her perform and she really gave me Joni Mitchell vibes. I think many of us would agree.

MELISSA'S NEW GROOVE

This month, Ms. Melissa Cherie has experimented a new genre of music with a brand new song, and its in the style of folk, and I have got to say I really liked it. It's different, but different is good.

NO TEARS REQUIRED

(echoes) And now, our main event, GINA ROYALE!!!!

In the 3 years I've known Ms. Royale, she's really, really good whether its acoustic or electrifying.

Gina sang a bunch of new songs, plus some OG classics. One of my favorites was "Low" and who could forget her iconic cover of "Psycho Killer".

I especially love when she sings with Sarah Kapilow. They are completely inseparable. Overall it was a fun time and I enjoyed it! Next month we are making history and you don't want to miss it!

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